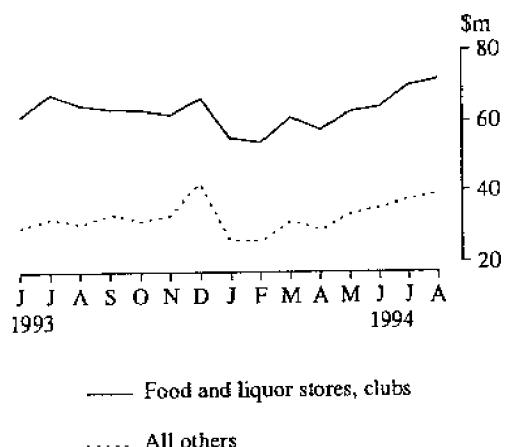


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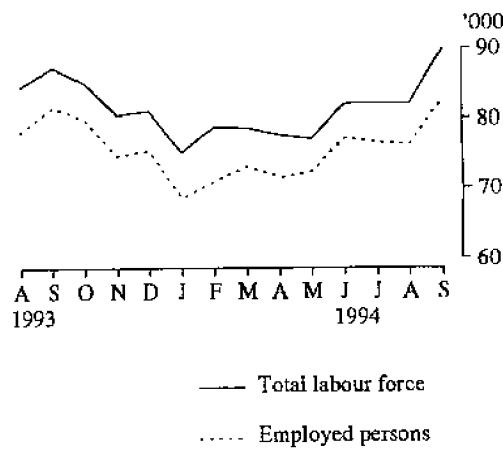
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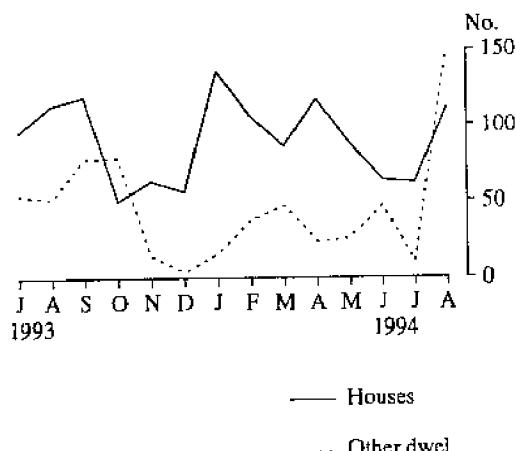
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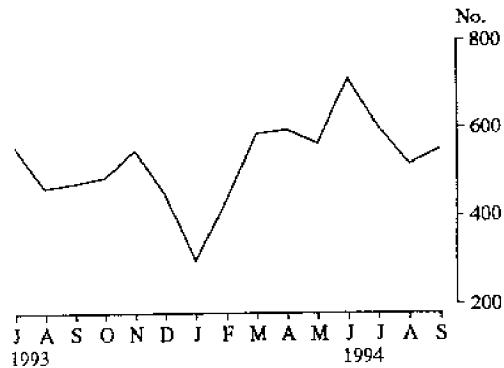
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#### NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



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Indicator	Unit	Northern Territory				Australia	
		Latest period	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)
							Change from same period previous year (%)
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>							
Employed	'000	Sep-94	82.7	8.4	1.5	8,087.4	2.6
Unemployed	'000	Sep-94	7.2	22.0	26.3	830.8	4.1
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Sep-94	8.0	0.8	1.5	9.3	-10.8
Participation rate (a)	%	Sep-94	74.4	6.3	1.5	63.8	0.1
							-1.4
							0.7
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>							
Males	\$	Jun qtr-94	658.4	2.3	1.9	625.1	-0.1
Females	\$	Jun qtr-94	450.2	2.3	0.1	422.8	1.4
Total persons	\$	Jun qtr-94	561.7	2.2	1.5	531.8	0.5
							2.8
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER</b>							
Food and liquor stores & clubs	\$m	Aug-94	71.8	2.4	11.3	4,865.0	0.3
All other stores	\$m	Aug-94	39.3	4.5	28.0	3,760.6	2.6
Total	\$m	Aug-94	111.1	3.1	16.8	8,625.6	1.3
							10.7
							15.4
							12.7
<b>PRICES</b>							
Consumer Price Index							
Food	(1989-90=100.0)	Jun qtr-94	113.1	0.4	2.7	109.5	-0.3
Housing	(1989-90=100.0)	Jun qtr-94	104.5	0.9	0.3	94.4	0.7
Transport	(1989-90=100.0)	Jun qtr-94	113.9	2.3	2.9	115.2	1.8
All groups	(1989-90=100.0)	Jun qtr-94	112.4	0.9	2.2	111.2	0.7
							1.4
							-0.8
							2.8
							1.7
Average Retail Prices							
Beer, draught, 285ml glass	cents	Jun qtr-94	203	1.5	4.6	..	..
Bread, white, 680g	cents	Jun qtr-94	168	-	-1.2	..	..
Milk, carton, 1 litre	cents	Jun qtr-94	94	-	2.2	..	..
Petrol, leaded, 1 litre	cents	Jun qtr-94	73.7	4.4	0.5	..	..
Steak, rump, 1 kg	cents	Jun qtr-94	1,246	1.0	5.2	..	..
							..
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES</b>	no. of days lost per '000 employees	Year ended					
OCCURRED		Jul-94	43	-31.7	-4.4	88	-3.3
							-50.3
<b>BUILDING</b>							
Approvals							
New houses	no.	Aug-94	111	79.0	-1.8	12,284	12.3
Other residential	no.	Aug-94	149	1390.0	192.2	6,494	48.4
Total new residential building	\$m	Aug-94	58.4	771.2	355.7	1,797.4	31.0
Total non-residential building	\$m	Aug-94	7.8	-7.5	-58.6	868.2	46.3
Value of all building approved	\$m	Aug-94	67.4	321.0	101.4	2,905.3	35.0
							27.1
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Jun qtr 94	325	9.4	28	33,632	17.2
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Jun qtr 94	91.4	25.0	45.5	6,816.0	16.4
							10.2
							12.8
<b>HOUSING FINANCE</b>							
Secured commitments to individuals							
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Aug-94	5.5	25.0	-1.8	787.4	4.2
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Aug-94	3.0	50.0	200.0	229.6	18.5
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Aug-94	23.9	14.4	14.9	2,571.4	4.2
							15.8
<b>PRODUCTION</b>							
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu. m	May-94	11.0	37.5	10.0	1,475.0	20.4
							10.6
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>							
Motor vehicles	no.	Sep-94	550	6.6	16.3	50,233	-5.1
Motor cycles	no.	Aug-94	41	70.8	41.4	1,569	17.8
							18.1
							10.8
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>							
Imports	\$m	Aug-94	34.8	13.8	203.2	6,670.7	15.5
Exports (c)	\$m	Aug-94	105.5	75.1	58.5	5,325.5	-2.1
							18.1
							1.7
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>							
Hotels, Motels & Guest Houses							
Room occupancy rate (a)	%	Jun qtr 94	57.2	14.1	3.1	54.1	-1.8
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Jun qtr 94	33.8	8.6	1.8	32.6	-2.2
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Jun qtr 94	22.2	43.1	11.8	674.5	-4.2
							10.2
<b>POPULATION</b>							
Estimated Resident Population	'000	Mar qtr 93	170.8	0.2	0.9	17,803.3	0.3
							1.0

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